WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A positive electrode active material comprising: particles having a layered structure, the particles comprising:

a first compound oxide of lithium and nickel; and coating layers formed on at least parts of the surfaces of the particles,

the coating layers comprising:

a second compound oxide of lithium and titanium.

- 2. The positive electrode active material according to claim 1, wherein the ratio by weight of the first compound oxide to the second compound oxide is between 96:4 and 65:35.
- 3. The positive electrode active material according to claim 1, wherein the second compound oxide has a spinel structure in the cubic system.
- 4. The positive electrode active material according to claim 1, wherein the positive electrode active material has a mean particle diameter of 5 to 20 $\mu m\,.$
- 5. A non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising a positive electrode active material and a

negative electrode active material,

wherein the positive electrode active material comprises

particles having a layered structure, the particles comprising:

a first compound oxide of lithium and nickel; and coating layers formed on at least parts of the surfaces of the particles,

the coating layers comprising:

a second compound oxide of lithium and titanium.